

St. Johnsbury Caledonian.

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Local News.

Bradley Barlow was in town over today. H. C. Moore is connected with the phone exchange. The autumn foliage has been quite brilliant this season. T. C. Spencer has adopted the standard of time. The Passumpsic road sold 112 tickets to Boston last week. Mrs. Jeanette Wallace of Barton is preparing to leave for the South church on Sunday. W. H. Herick and E. A. Sibby are conducting the musical convention at Burlington. It is expected that the new depot will be partially occupied by the first of next week. The new standard of time went into effect on the Lake road at twelve o'clock, Wednesday night, Oct. 10. An extension of about fifteen rods north on Green street has been laid out, and the work of grading is in progress. The "History of the United States" taken of last week is meeting with a liberal reception by our citizens, as merits of the book deserve. J. P. Town of Washington, Ill., receives his subscription and says: "I have been a subscriber for twenty-five years and cannot do without it now."

New Time Table on the Lake Road.

A new time-table goes into effect on the Lake road Thursday, Oct. 10. Trains for the east leave St. Johnsbury as follows: Mixed, 9:30 a. m., mail 9:40, mixed 9:50 a. m. Trains for the west leave St. Johnsbury as follows: Express 9:30 a. m., mail 9:40, mixed 9:50 a. m. Trains for the east leave Lunenburg for St. Johnsbury at 6:00 a. m. and 4:15 p. m. G. A. R. Camp-Fire. Chamberlin post are arranging for a camp-fire in Music hall the latter part of the month, which they intend shall be the best one ever held by this post. The attractive feature of the gathering will be a concert of war songs by a double male quartette, under the direction of H. H. May. These concerts were very popular in the cities where they were given last season, drew large audiences, and proved very successful in a financial point of view. There will also be an address by Capt. H. C. Hall of Montpelier, prepared with special reference to camp-fires, on "Reminiscences of the Army." Short addresses will be made by local speakers, and the whole will make up a programme of exceptional interest.

The Lecture Course.

Owing to the interest of the time that some of the engagements for this year's course of lectures have been closed, and to the fact that all are not yet entirely settled, the advertisement of the Y. M. C. A. lecture course does not appear this week, as the committee had hoped it might, but enough has been done so that the public can get a very enlightening idea of what is in store for them this season. Dates have already been fixed with Dr. Joseph Cook, Geo. R. Wendling, Esq., Will Carleton, the famous "Farm Ballads" man, Wallace Bruce and H. H. Rogers, a celebrated illustrated lecturer, and the committee are well assured that they will add to their list Dr. J. A. Stevenson, making six lectures. They have also made dates with the Canada Tros Concert company, Blaisdell's orchestra, twelve pieces, and Miss Emma Howie; the Schubert Quartette and Miss Alta Pease, also Mrs. J. P. Walker, soprano, and John Howard, accompanist, and are in hopes to fill up the course of ten entertainments with the Lutenam Concert company, with whom they are now negotiating; if not then, some company equally as good, if they can be secured.

A Uniform Standard of Time.

At the present time there are two standards of time in use in this place—the standard adopted this week by both railroads and the postoffice and the one that has been in use heretofore. This state of affairs will cause confusion as long as it is so. There is really no good reason why all other interests should not follow suit and secure a uniform standard. If all the clocks and watches were set back at once, no one would be able to perceive the difference. A mental calculation when one wants to know when trains arrive and leave and mails arrive and close is an inconvenience, to say the least. The object to be secured by the adoption of the new standard is an excellent one, and, as the movement has been inaugurated, the only way to secure a uniform time is to adopt the new standard. This might be readily accomplished. The town clock should be set at once set back to correspond with the railroad time, unquestionably the corporations would soon follow suit, and the matter would be settled.

Some definite particulars in regard to the new standard are given in an article on the fourth page. It will be seen that almost the entire railroad interests of Vermont have adopted the new time. The authorities of St. Albans have wisely concluded not to have two standards, and have set the town

clock to conform to the new standard. The Burlington authorities have taken the same course, and the clocks on the Unitarian and College street church towers and in the public schools are regulated by railroad time. This simplifies the matter in those places, and the settlement of the question of uniformity in time is assured.

Disastrous Fire at Passumpsic.—The Business of the Village Wiped Out.

On Sabbath morning, about three o'clock, fire broke out in the Cushman pulp-mill at Passumpsic, a fire of about two hours that mill, a saw-mill connected, the rake-factory of Smith & Galbraith, and the flour-mill of E. T. & H. K. Ide, were all totally destroyed. This included all the manufacturing of the village. After fighting the fire for about one hour, a messenger was despatched to St. Johnsbury, where an alarm was sounded, and a portion of the fire department responded with Tarrant engine, but before the engine had gone far, a telephone message announced that the fire had spent itself and help of that nature would be of no avail.

Personal.

Misses Josephine Stoddard of Washington and Helen Stoddard of Boston have been in town the past week visiting their sister, Mrs. Fred E. Carpenter.

George Hidden and Arthur E. Clark, both of this place, started for Florida Tuesday. Mr. Hidden has some interests there already and expects to remain until about the first of January. Mr. Clark may conclude to settle in that state. They sail from Boston Thursday afternoon.

S. G. Bush of Cootcook, P. Q., formerly of this place, was in town the present week on his way home from a trip to Burlington, Boston, etc.

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John E. Dolloff of St. Johnsbury secured a pension of \$1 a month and \$50 arrears, and Ransom O. Smith of Lunenburg \$1 a month and \$75 arrears.

The last game of ball of the season will be played on the Fair ground on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 13, between the Mullins of St. Johnsbury and the Mullins of Barre.

C. D. Phelps, a former employee in Caledonian office, has become one of the proprietors of the Lancaster Bulletin, succeeding C. E. Grilling & Co., the firm name being C. D. Phelps & Co.

About ten of the singers of the Methodist church will be entertained Sunday evening, Oct. 11, by Foster Stevens at St. Johnsbury Church. They will go in a large coach, and a good time is assured.

The M. E. quarterly meeting will be held at Music hall next Sunday. The presiding elder will be present, the quarterly conference will be held at the M. E. passage on Saturday evening, at 7:30 o'clock.

The wife of Rev. Dr. Bottom of New York, temporarily stopping in town, gave the ladies of this place two very interesting and instructive Bible talks at the North church chapel last Friday and Monday afternoons.

A delegation from Chamberlin post will visit the G. A. R. post at West Concord, Thursday evening, Oct. 11. The new post will be mustered in by Post Commander Crosby, and the boys from this post will go over in Bryant's large coach.

There was another death by diphtheria at Padlock village Wednesday. Gardiner girl was supposed to be recovering from the disease, but was suddenly taken worse and died. We have not heard of any other cases of this disease in the place.

Springfield Republican: "An ungodly man who was the recent champion of Vermont nihilists at St. Johnsbury described the reviewing officers thus: 'One is the governor, two are governors and the other seventeen I want to be governors.'"

The girls in the schools in charge of the Sisters of Congregation de Notre Dame, to the number of over one hundred, enjoyed a basket picnic at Harris Hill Wednesday. They marched there in charge of their respective teachers.

The weather on Friday afternoon of this week is pleasant, the boys in the schools have a picnic at the same place.

The annual meeting of the State teachers' association will be held at Capital Hall, Montpelier, Oct. 24, 25, 26 and 27. The indications are that the sessions will be interesting, and those having the arrangements in charge desire a full attendance of teachers. Return checks will be given after the railroads, and board at reduced rates will be provided.

The date of the proposed musical convention is yet uncertain. The executive committee have written to W. Sherwin, asking him if he can conduct the convention here on the week of Nov. 22, but no answer has been received. If he cannot come at that time, it will be necessary to postpone the convention for a few months, as there will not be an opening for it until in January.

L. R. and Mrs. Flint have been on a visit to their son in Danbury, Conn., and when the bell of the South church rang on Sunday, it was remarked that a new hand was at the bell rope. Mr. Flint had not been absent over Sunday before for many years. When he returns and finds that the town and the railroad clocks are sixteen minutes apart, he will think that he has awake from a Rip Van Winkle sleep.

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D. R. Denmore, late of the firm of Denmore & Smith, has bought H. L. Doyle's grocery business, and is at once to take possession. He will add a line of boots and shoes to the stock. Denmore has also bought the N. S. Colby blacksmith shop, and will use it at present for a store-house.

L. W. Green has bought the Poppa Parker place of D. S. Townsend, guardian of Mrs. Parker. Consideration \$1,000.

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the farmers have just gathered their apples, and the question is, "how much cider shall we make?"

A valuable cow, half sister to "Jersey Queen," owned by Oscar Brown, died last week.

Rev. W. B. Laird presented the work of the National Reform association at the Congregational church on Sunday morning.

A new hall was dedicated by the Good Templars on Tuesday evening, Oct. 9. District Deputy Smalley, assisted by Moose River lodge, performed the dedicatory ceremonies. Rev. Mr. Scribner of East Burke acting as chaplain. The address of dedication was given by Rev. B. M. Tilton of St. Johnsbury. Remarks were made by Mr. Smalley, Rev. Mr. Scribner, and A. J. Shaw of Victory. A good organ has been placed in the hall, which is very pleasant and convenient, and all nearly paid for. The Good Templars have done a good work for the cause in Victory.

Rev. L. E. Taylor and wife have returned from their wedding tour in Burke.

H. H. Lane recently shot a blue heron that measured six feet from tip to tip of its wings. When shot it had three fish in its mouth. It was a young bird.

At the port of St. Albans for September, \$13,817.73 were received for duties. Bennington's artesian well has got down 1,000 feet and yet there is no water.

The number of Vermont pensioners on the pension roll just issued is placed at 4,875.

Oscar Eddy of Wallingford will probably lose a hand as the result of a gunning accident.

Three hundred tons of steel rails for the Montreal and Vermont line arrived at Burlington on Thursday.

One hundred loaded freight-cars were sent out of the Central Vermont freight depot in Burlington on Friday.

Frank Hall of Randolph, eighty years old, died in the police station at Manchester, N. H., Thursday night.

The St. Albans Baptists are to erect a parsonage, at the corner Anne street of architecture, on their lot on Congress street.

Black diphtheria has made its appearance in the southeastern part of Albany, and is raging with terrible malignity.

The Vermont Pharmacists' association held their annual meeting in Brattleboro Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The out-buildings of the Mary Fletcher hospital at Burlington, lately destroyed by fire, are in process of reconstruction.

Round county contains about 540 pensioners, which at the same ratio of payment as Rutland, would aggregate about \$400,000 per year.

The Lamelle fire company, which was in a rather slim financial condition before the recent fire, will have a surplus of \$200 or over after settling the bills.

Walter Wooten, a freight brakeman, had his hand crushed while coupling cars, Friday night, at Essex Junction. He had been on the train but a few days.

The thirty-third annual meeting of the Vermont homeopathic medical society will be held at Montpelier on Wednesday and Thursday of next week.

The depot at Morrisville was entered by burglars Monday, but nothing was stolen. A quantity of silver was deposited in the safe, which the thief was unable to open.

The annual match game of football between the sophomore and freshman classes of the university of Vermont was played on Saturday and resulted in a victory for the sophomores.

At Roxbury, Mrs. J. P. Warner's hotel, barn and dwelling house, and Erastus Spaulding's two barns, fifty tons of hay and sleighs were burned Friday. The origin of the fire was in a chimney.

A two-year-old son of Gilbert Lane of Cornwall was severely burned last Sunday, by accidentally sitting down in a kettle of boiling hot water. The child is still living, but is considered in a precarious condition.

Joseph Massey, aged eighty years, and Abner Felt, aged seventy, both of whom lived in the town farm in Poultney, recently obtained leave of absence, called upon a minister in an adjoining village and were married.

At Burlington on Tuesday, Isaiah Lanza, who attempted to burn the Mary Fletcher hospital, Aug. 21, was sentenced to ten years in the state prison and a fine of \$10, the state requiring both fine and imprisonment.

A large party of citizens searched the country around St. Albans, Sunday, for Charles R. Turner, late jailer of the public school building, who has been missing since last Tuesday morning. Turner is sixty-five years of age.

A general term of the Vermont supreme court is ordered to be held at Montpelier commencing October 23. There are fifty-seven cases on the docket; twelve of them have been heard once but are ordered to be reargued.

The managers of the Warner home farm at St. Albans raised this season from three pecks of seed thirty bushels of potatoes of the Mohawk variety, and the home has raised on its own premises this year about 150 bushels of potatoes.

W. H. Kinison of Brattleboro, while out hunting with a friend recently, had about thirty shot accidentally discharged into his breast by the friend who was approaching in an opposite direction. The physicians think Kinison will recover.

Zila Nason, aged about sixty years, formerly of Rutland, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a shoe knife, Monday, in his place of business, at West Brattleboro, adjacent to his son's home, where he was living. Despondency was the cause.

The Vermont & Canada railroad company have filed a petition in the county court, before Chancellor Royce, praying that the Langdon suit against the Vermont Central may be discontinued—claiming that the plan of settlement recently agreed to will be inoperative until the suit is withdrawn.

Ronold C. White of East Wallingford recently found eleven teeth while digging a ditch through a swale on his land. They are about three inches long, one inch square; also a small saw, some fifty-seven other singular teeth. Some of them were taken to New York, and all who saw them say they never saw the like.

Michael Heffin of Winoski, employed on the gravel train at Charlestown, N. H., was run over by a train Saturday, and both legs cut off below the knee. He had been on a spruce for a few days and was walking on the track and stepped in front of a train coming up behind him. His chances for recovery are very slight.

A Miss Judd, while visiting a sister who works in the family of George French at West Randolph, on Saturday evening, attempted suicide by taking a dose of Paris green. The act was quickly discovered and prompt medical aid saved the unfortunate girl's life. She is scarcely seventeen years of age and assigned as a reason for the act that she had no friends, her parents being dead, and was discouraged at her future prospects.

The first of the twenty-four indictments against Lawrence Brainerd was taken up in the Franklin county court at